



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

San Francisco Bay Region



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Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

In the Matter of a Proposed Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the
San Francisco Bay Basin
and

Notice of Availability of Draft Staff Report

Describing the Proposed Site-Specific Water Quality Objectives and Effluent
Limit Policy for Cyanide for the San Francisco Bay Basin

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Water Board) will hold a public scoping meeting pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (at Public Resources Code 21000 et seq., CEQA) in connection with an upcoming proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan). The proposed amendment would revise portions of Chapter 3 and 4 of the Basin Plan by:

1. Establishing site-specific marine water quality objectives for cyanide of 2.9 ug/l (4-day average) and 9.4 ug/l (1-hr. average) in the San Francisco Bay Region; Requiring cyanide limits for shallow water dischargers, calculated according to the State Implementation Policy (SIP), substituting an attenuation factor of 3.5 for the dilution factor in the SIP equation;
2. Requiring cyanide limits for deep water municipal dischargers, derived using the applicable dilution factor;
3. Requiring cyanide limits for deep water industrial dischargers only if cyanide is detected in the effluent, derived using the applicable dilution factor; and
4. Making minor changes to Basin Plan text to be consistent with the SIP and to provide consistency in implementation of site-specific objectives through effluent limits.

The purpose of the scoping meeting is to discuss the proper scope and content of the functional equivalent environmental document to be prepared for the proposed amendment pursuant to the Water Board's certified regulatory program for basin planning under CEQA Guidelines 15251 (g) (at Title 14, Cal. Code of Regs. 15251 (g)).

Interested parties are strongly encouraged to submit questions in advance of the meeting. The draft staff report describing the proposed amendment is available at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/basinplan.htm>. A limited number of hard copies are available upon request. The draft staff report is undergoing scientific peer review. A formal 45-day comment period, required for Basin Plan amendments, will be initiated after scientific peer review comments are received and addressed.



The scoping meeting will be held:

Date: **Tuesday, June 14, 2005**
Time: **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**
Location: **Room 9 (second floor)**
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